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**1 — New Louisiana Superfund site: Colonial Creosote plant in Bogalusa, Times Picayune, 9/29/2015**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/colonial\\_creosote\\_bogalsua\\_add.html#incart\\_most\\_shared\\_environment](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/colonial_creosote_bogalsua_add.html#incart_most_shared_environment)

The Colonial Creosote wood preserving plant in Bogalusa has been added to national list of Superfund hazardous waste sites eligible for federal cleanup assistance, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Monday (Sept. 28). Creosote and related chemicals have been found in soil, sediment and groundwater near the site. The Superfund program investigates and cleans up complex, uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites, EPA tries in the process to eliminate or reduce public health risks and environmental contamination.

**2 — Wetlands advocates object to using BP money for highway bridge, Times Picayune, 9/28/2015**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/americas\\_wetland\\_foundation\\_do.html#incart\\_most\\_shared\\_environment](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/americas_wetland_foundation_do.html#incart_most_shared_environment)

The America's WETLAND Foundation is opposing the use of BP oil spill fine money to elevate Louisiana 1 near Port Fourchon or for any other infrastructure project. It announced its position Saturday (Sept. 26), putting it at odds with Gov. Bobby Gov. Bobby Jindal.

**3 – Health Risks Of Decades-Old Chemical Plume Remain Unstudied, KUNM, 9/24/2015**

<http://kunm.org/post/health-risks-decades-old-chemical-plume-remain-unstudied#stream/0>

When state environment workers were taking groundwater samples in downtown Albuquerque back in the 1990s, they discovered a large plume of a solvent called trichloroethylene, or TCE—a toxic chemical that causes cancer and birth defects—just 35 feet below the ground. The Environment Department eventually traced the source of the TCE plume to an old industrial

brick building near downtown Albuquerque owned by Laun-Dry Supply Company, a business that distributes dry cleaning chemicals.

#### **4 — Regulatory groups release earthquake report, NewOK, 9/28/15**

<http://newsok.com/regulatory-groups-release-earthquake-report/article/5450013>

Energy and water regulators and researchers from more than a dozen states released a policy report Monday on understanding the links between energy production and triggered earthquakes.

Photo - <p>The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and the Groundwater Protection Council hold a joint news conference Monday to discuss a multi-state report on earthquakes. The report, from the StatesFirst initiative organized by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and the Ground Water Protection Council, surveys the latest research and policy options for regulators dealing with higher rates of earthquakes linked to wastewater disposal wells from energy production.

#### **5 — Corporation Commission restricts another disposal well near Cushing, NewsOK, 9/25/2015**

<http://newsok.com/corporation-commission-restricts-another-disposal-well-near-cushing/article/5449315>

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission on Friday restricted volumes at another saltwater disposal well near Cushing following continued earthquakes near the country's largest commercial oil storage facility. The Joyce well owned by Crown Energy will be cut back to less than 1,000 barrels of water per day, the commission said.

#### **6 — More research needed on U.S. earthquakes possibly tied to oil and gas work: report, Reuters, 9/28/2015**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/28/us-usa-quake-oilandgas-idUSKCN0RS2HV20150928>

A coalition of U.S. states warned on Monday that a spike in earthquakes potentially tied to oil and gas activity in places not typically prone to them needs urgent attention from regulators and others to protect public safety. The report to be released later on Monday by States First includes input from governors, regulators and oil and gas policy leaders in 13 states, including Oklahoma

and Kansas, where earthquake activity and intensity have risen in recent years.

#### **7 — EPA set to overhaul 23-year-old farmworker safety standards, Greenwire, 9/28/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/28/stories/1060025418>

he challenge for every working mother -- pumping breast milk for her infant every few hours -- can be daunting enough in a white-collar office. Consider how difficult it is in the long rows of grapes, almonds or pistachios here in the Central Valley.

#### **8 – Agency action will determine if Navajos sue over spill -- lawyer, Greenwire, 9/28/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/28/stories/1060025424>

Attorneys for the Navajo Nation say litigation against U.S. EPA over last month's abandoned mine spill in Colorado will depend on the agency's willingness to address tribal concerns in the weeks ahead. EPA work on the abandoned Gold King site in Colorado spilled 3 million gallons of wastewater down the Animas and San Juan rivers, impacting crops and businesses downstream.

#### **9 — States cue up initial talks on EPA rule options, Greenwire, 9/28/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/28/stories/1060025410>

States around the country are buckling down to explore Clean Power Plan compliance options, even while some of them plan lawsuits against U.S. EPA. This week will feature public meetings in California, Georgia and Virginia. In the last several weeks, agencies and stakeholders also met in Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana and Pennsylvania. (Visit our Power Plan Hub state pages for those stories and stay tuned for more from those states in ClimateWire this week.)

#### **10 — What do EPA's Methane Rules Mean for the Energy Economy?, EDF, 9/28/2015**

<http://blogs.edf.org/energyexchange/2015/09/28/what-do-epas-methane-rules-mean-for-the-energy-economy/>

Around the country, people are talking about methane. Last week hundreds showed up to testify at public hearings in Dallas and Denver, weighing in on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to fight oil and gas methane pollution. Tomorrow, EPA will hear from many more

stakeholders in Pittsburgh, while a panel of experts that EDF is convening in Washington, DC, will discuss how we can cost-effectively reduce methane pollution using technologies already on the market.

#### **11 — What the EPA's Expected Ozone Limits Could Mean for Austin, KUT, 9/29/2015**

<http://kut.org/post/what-epas-expected-ozone-limits-could-mean-austin>

This week the US Environmental Protection Agency is expected to announce new limits on the amount of ozone Americans breathe. Those limits could force Austin and other Texas cities to reduce ground-level ozone pollution in an effort to mitigate the pollutant's harmful health effects.

#### **12 — EPA ANNOUNCES NEW REGULATION FOR FARMWORKERS, KTIC, 9/29/2015**

<http://kticradio.com/agricultural/epa-announces-new-regulation-for-farmworkers/>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Monday increased protections for the nation's two million agricultural workers and their families. "President Obama has called closing gaps of opportunity a defining challenge of our time. Meeting that challenge means ensuring healthy work environments for all Americans, especially those in our nation's vulnerable communities," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

#### **13 — Moorhead: Texas needs to address poverty, pollution and polarization, Statesman, 9/28/2015**

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/opinion/moorhead-texas-needs-to-address-poverty-pollution-/nnp6c/>

Pope Francis' address to Congress explored a range of seemingly disparate topics ranging from poverty and needs of families, to climate change and violence, to religious intolerance and political polarization. The pope's assessment of the world's needs and America's potential role in addressing them was an elegant theological argument for Triple Bottom Line (3BL) thinking on a global scale.

#### **14 EPA set to tighten smog limits as business gears for fight, Chron, 9/29/15**

<http://www.chron.com/business/energy/article/EPA-set-to-tighten-smog-limits-as-business-gears-6536665.php>

Facing a court-ordered deadline, the Obama administration is preparing to finalize stricter emissions limits on smog-forming pollution linked to asthma and respiratory illness. The move fulfills a long-delayed campaign promise by President Barack Obama, but sets up a fresh confrontation with Republicans already angry about the administration's plans to curb carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants and to regulate small streams and wetlands.

#### **15 Roswell groundwater plume considered for Superfund status, Chron, 9/29/15**

<http://www.chron.com/news/science/article/Roswell-groundwater-plume-considered-for-6536811.php>

An area of contaminated water in downtown Roswell is being considered for addition on the Superfund National Priorities List. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says several dry cleaning businesses had operated there from 1956 and 1963. It's now a mix of residential and commercial use.

#### **16 Many Americans Still Live On or Near Toxic Waste, Motherboard, 9/28/15**

<http://motherboard.vice.com/read/many-americans-still-live-on-or-near-toxic-waste>

Visual artist Brooke Singer wants to make America's invisible Superfund sites—places harboring hazardous waste—more visible to a wider public. So she recently launched ToxicSites US, a data visualization that charts 1,300 of the US's most toxic Superfund sites. A “Superfund site” is an area that the US Environmental and Protection Agency (EPA) labels an “uncontrolled or abandoned place where hazardous waste is located, possibly affecting local ecosystems or people.” The full list of sites can be seen on the National Priorities List.

#### **17 Controversy Heats Up Over Construction of Gas Station In Leander Neighborhood, KEYE TV, 9/28/15**

<http://www.keyetv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/Controversy-Heats-Up-Over-Construction-of-Gas-Station-In-Leander-Neighborhood-211458.shtml>

Residents in a Leander neighborhood say they were blindsided when a business broke ground near the entrance of the Westwood subdivision. On Monday they met with their new neighbor in hopes of reaching a compromise.

**18 County will pay fine assessed by TCEQ, Weatherford Democrat, 9/28/15**

[http://www.weatherforddemocrat.com/news/county-will-pay-fine-assessed-bytceq/article\\_7daf0958-663d-11e5-9d99-53e60653cfa3.html](http://www.weatherforddemocrat.com/news/county-will-pay-fine-assessed-bytceq/article_7daf0958-663d-11e5-9d99-53e60653cfa3.html)

Parker County commissioners Monday agreed to pay the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality \$751, a fine assessed by the regulatory agency because a county employee failed to file a timely report.

Kurt Fuqua, county director of permitting, told commissioners that he forgot to send in an annual storm water program report on county activities.